

laminated construction and include a valve to accommodate various connectors of an infusion apparatus, such as a luer-type valve. The bags are typically sterilized during or after the manufacturing process. Sterilization of a bag that incorporates various design features, such as valves, can be difficult. The manufacturing and sterilizing process becomes even more difficult with present day bags that may be required to have additional features, such as means for bag suspension, complex valves, or twin-valve systems. These features create areas of the bag that are difficult to access by a sterilization solution during the sterilization process. This can cause variation in the sterilization times of these areas, which in turn can cause incomplete or ineffective sterilization. This variation can also have an effect on the proper selection of sterilization solution dosages.

Please amend the paragraph of the substitute specification at page 4, line 24-page 5, line 6 to read as follows.

26 Block 3 of FIG. 1 represents a washing station phase that comprises a single dry washing stage. The film entering the dry washing stage is labeled FST and the film exiting the dry washing stage is labeled FSTL, as shown in FIG. 1. The dry washing stage does not allow the film to contact any liquids or supports of the system. A preferred embodiment of the washing stage is represented in FIGS. 2B and 2C. In this embodiment, the washing stage is formed by two superimposed chambers 101 and 102 forming a central slot for printed film FST to pass therethrough. The printed film FST is suspended and subjected to filtered air AF flowing from nozzles 104 and 107. The air flows over the printed film FST and carries away any particles or impurities from the printed film FST. The air flows out through nozzles 103, 105, 106, and 108. The stations represented by blocks 2 and 3 can operate and handle a plurality of film configurations, such as in the case of using two reels B and B' of equal length, or using a single reel B'' having a width n times greater than B or B'.

**In the Claims:**

Please cancel claims 1-15 without prejudice.

Please add new claims 16-50 as follows.